NRC Organizational Values

In conducting all our work, we at the NRC adhere to the following organizational values. These values guide every action we take — from decisions on safety, security, and environmental issues; to how we perform administrative tasks; to how we interact with our fellow employees and other stakeholders.

Commitment

To public health and safety, security, and the environment, we are dedicated, diligent, and vigilant professionals. We work towards efficiency and effectiveness through learning, innovalent, and personal improvement

Openness

In communications and decision-making, our actions and motives are open and transparent to the analyzing public. As the public has a right to know, information is readily available.

Service

To the public and others who are affected by our work we are responsive, accountable, and proactive. We work towards public interest and trust and expect to be held to our high standards.



Cooperation

In the planning, management, and performance of agency work, we maintain a helpful, sharing, team-oriented, and engaged environment.

Excellence

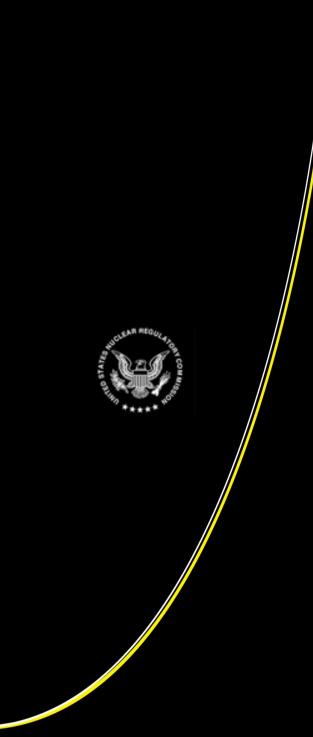
In our individual and collective actions, we strive to achieve the highest quality, are continuously improving, and are self-aware of our successes and struggles.

Integrity

In our working relationships, practices, and decisions we strive to be trustworthy, reliable, ethical, and unbiased.

Respect

We have the utmost respect for individuals' diversity, roles, beliefs, viewpoints, and work-life balance. We act in a professional, courteous, objective, and compassionate manner towards colleagues, licensees, and the public.







Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) is a service offered by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to compare a member country's nuclear regulatory approach against international safety standards and good practices. The IRRS benefits both the regulator and the reviewers through the exchange of information on nuclear regulatory organizational structure and practices.

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In 2007, the NRC requested an IRRS mission to demonstrate its strong commitment to nuclear safety, continuous improvement, critical self-assessment and information-sharing with the international community. The mission is carried out in three phases: a self-assessment by the host country, a peer review by international senior regulators, and a follow-up review of the actions taken by the host country as a result of the mission.

The IRRS peer review of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) took place October 17–29, 2010, and was focused solely on the operating power reactor program.

2010 Integrated Regulatory Review Service Mission NRC IRRS Mission Organization Chart



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The IRRS team identified several strengths of the NRC including:

- The achievement of a mature safety regulation system;
- A transparent licensing process;
- A high level of human resource development.

The IRRS team also made suggestions to improve the overall performance of the U.S. regulatory system for operating power reactors. Examples include:

- The NRC should consider increasing its effort to use IAEA safety standards;
- The NRC should develop a fully integrated management system;
- The NRC should improve its assessment process by considering lessons learned from other nations periodic safety reviews.

The IRRS report will be publically available in NRC's document management system, ADAMS.

For additional information, see http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/conference-symposia/irrs-mission-review.html.